



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 24, 2019. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 9 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 32.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 50.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Red River. Highs ranged from 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah to 76.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville. Light precipitation was reported throughout the State with the highest concentration in the central part of the State with an average of 1.19 inches.

Crop progress for week ending November 24, 2019

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton, harvested	99	98	99	100
Sugarcane, harvested	61	54	56	60
Sweet potatoes, harvested	94	89	97	98
Winter wheat, planted	74	65	58	61
Winter wheat, emerged	51	37	40	42

Crop condition for week ending November 24, 2019

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Livestock	1	9	39	48	3
Pasture	9	17	37	35	2
Sugarcane	2	9	52	34	3
Vegetables	0	5	33	59	3
Winter wheat	0	3	66	29	2

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Fieldwork continued with dry conditions until the weekend. Sugarcane harvest was under mostly good conditions. Ryegrass received needed moisture over the weekend. Ranchers began haying and fertilizing ryegrass.”

–Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Field conditions were favorable as the sugarcane harvest continues. Reports are that tonnages were lower than producers had hoped for but sugar content has been consistent. Other fieldwork and land prep were at a minimum due to a late week rain event where 1 to 2 inches of rain fell across the area. The rain event was a bonus for crawfish producers by helping keep ponds flooded.”

–Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Favorable weather conditions allowed for efficient sugarcane harvest with good recoverable sugar and tonnage slightly below average. Fieldwork for 2020 continued until area received light rains at end of week. This should help ryegrass.”

–Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“A few more hay producers were able to bale the last of their hay before the rains started. The area received from 1 to 2.5 inches of rain. The area needed a little rain for ryegrass pastures to continue to grow.”

–James Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Up to one inch of rain fell over most of the parish. Sugarcane tops were brown and growth stopped. The top couple joints of the cane stalks had freeze damage. However, at this point cane yields are stable. Most cane growers have up to 6 to 7 more weeks of harvest left. Ryegrass started to make good growth with some growers looking to graze cattle in early December. Some crawfish were being harvested. Second crop rice harvest has ended.”

–Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“Continued dry conditions aided sugarcane harvest but several days of mild temps since the recent hard freeze and a forecasted freeze will adversely affect quality. Cattlemen were also appreciative of dry weather, busy feeding hay and supplements without muddy conditions. Approximately one inch of rain on Friday across the local area should boost winter pastures suffering from lack of moisture.”

–Stanley Dutile, Lafayette Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending November 24, 2019

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm ¹	DFN ²	One Week	Rain Days	DFN ²	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN ²
Northwest										
Minden	71.1	39.7	55.4	53.1	2.3	0.22	2	-1.01	2.54	-2.38
Mooringsport	69.3	43.0	56.2	53.6	2.4	0.00	0	-0.91	1.71	-2.30
Red River	75.6	50.6	63.1	54.3	8.4	0.04	1	-0.68	2.16	-1.95
Shreveport	70.6	39.4	55.0	53.1	1.9	0.03	1	-0.96	1.92	-2.81
Extreme/Average	71.6	43.2	57.4	53.5	3.8	0.07	2	-0.89	2.08	-2.36
North central										
Calhoun	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Farmerville	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	52.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Homer	66.3	37.1	51.7	51.9	-0.2	0.16	3	-1.17	2.81	-2.12
Extreme/Average	66.3	37.1	51.7	52.5	-0.2	0.16	3	-1.17	2.81	-2.12
Northeast										
Lake Providence	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	53.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St Joseph	71.8	38.5	55.1	56.0	-1.4	0.00	0	-0.80	3.15	-0.97
Tallulah	57.0	32.0	44.5	54.7	-9.2	0.00	0	-0.18	0.00	-0.18
Winnsboro	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	55.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2.26	1.63
Extreme/Average	64.4	35.2	49.8	54.8	-5.3	0.00	0	-0.49	1.80	0.16
West central										
Ashland	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	54.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hodges Gardens	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Leesville	76.8	46.0	61.4	55.5	5.8	0.58	2	-0.58	4.52	-0.55
Natchitoches	72.6	42.9	57.7	55.5	2.2	0.77	2	-0.44	1.64	-3.14
Extreme/Average	74.7	44.5	59.6	55.4	4.0	0.68	2	-0.51	3.08	-1.85
Central										
Alexandria	70.6	43.1	56.9	56.6	0.2	1.88	1	0.42	3.41	-2.24
Bunkie	70.6	40.0	55.3	57.1	-1.9	1.10	1	-0.21	1.87	-3.41
Eunice	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	59.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jonesville Locks	68.1	41.6	54.9	56.4	-1.5	1.80	1	0.37	4.10	-1.13
New Roads	74.5	44.5	59.5	58.7	0.4	0.00	0	-0.54	1.22	-2.17
Extreme/Average	70.9	42.3	56.6	57.6	-0.7	1.19	1	0.01	2.65	-2.24
East central										
Baton Rouge	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Hammond	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Norwood	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.94	(NA)
Slidell	69.4	46.7	58.1	58.9	-0.8	0.62	2	-0.46	2.87	-1.10
Extreme/Average	69.4	46.7	58.1	58.2	-0.8	0.62	2	-0.46	1.91	-1.10
Southwest										
Crowley	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.5	(NA)	0.00	0	-0.77	1.47	-2.79
DeRidder	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Jennings	72.0	45.7	58.9	59.0	-0.2	0.82	1	-0.28	1.23	-3.51
Oberlin	70.3	43.8	57.1	57.9	-0.8	1.27	1	0.24	2.55	-2.20
Extreme/Average	71.2	44.8	58.0	58.2	-0.5	0.70	1	-0.27	1.75	-2.83
South central										
Donaldsonville	72.4	44.0	58.2	59.0	-0.8	0.65	1	-0.33	2.92	-0.97
Jeanerette	72.2	39.8	56.0	59.6	-4.1	0.00	0	-0.47	1.33	-2.00
Lafayette	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Morgan City	73.3	49.0	61.2	60.7	0.3	0.10	1	-0.72	3.36	0.10
Extreme/Average	72.6	44.3	58.5	59.5	-1.5	0.25	1	-0.51	2.54	-0.96
Southeast										
Galliano	74.2	47.4	60.8	61.2	-0.4	0.40	1	-0.17	2.00	-0.49
Gonzales	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.59	1	-0.42	4.84	0.70
Grand Isle	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New Orleans	70.7	44.3	57.5	62.0	-5.1	0.00	0	-0.44	1.28	-1.89
Extreme/Average	72.5	45.8	59.2	61.6	-2.7	0.33	1	-0.34	2.71	-0.56
State	70.3	42.7	56.5	57.0	-0.6	0.51	1	-0.47	2.36	-1.65

(NA) Not available.
¹ Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.
² Departure from normal.